

Remarks

Claims 12-27 are pending in the application, and stand rejected. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

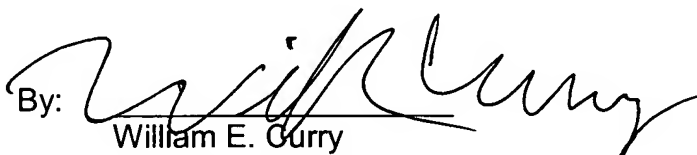
Claims 12-27 were rejected solely on the basis of the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over prior U.S. Patent Nos. 6,092,110 and 6,647,418. Accordingly, a terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith for each of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,092,110 and 6,647,418.

In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition, and earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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